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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicant(s) are submitting herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and copies of the non-U.S. documents as listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A for the Examiner's consideration.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits and is accompanied by the following certification specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e).

On information and belief, I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement (and the listed documents) be considered by the Examiner.

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